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## **U.S. 34 expansion study from Gulfport to Biggsville**

*Virtual public hearing on Nov. 17, 5 to 7 p.m.*

**HENDERSON COUNTY** — The Illinois Department of Transportation will hold an online virtual public hearing from 5 to 7 p.m. Nov. 17 to introduce a study of the proposed expansion of U.S. 34 from Gulfport to Biggsville. Conducting a virtual public hearing instead of traditional in-person attendance will allow participants to learn and provide feedback from their residence while protecting their health during the COVID-19 pandemic.

To access the virtual public hearing, click [HERE](#) to register. Please provide your first and last name along with your email address. Once you've completed the online registration form, a confirmation email will be sent to you.

In addition to a presentation introducing the study, the hearing will include exhibits for review and a survey. Personnel from IDOT will be available for a question-and-answer session after the presentation.

This project involves a study for the proposed expansion of U.S. 34 from two to four lanes starting just west of the intersection of Carmen Road and U.S. 34 to the western end of the Biggsville bypass. Options were evaluated to determine if there is a practicable construction alternative within the 6 miles of the U.S. 34 alignment in the 100-year floodplain.

Proposed construction will raise the expanded U.S. 34 to the 500-year floodplain elevation due to modifications made to the regulatory floodplain boundaries for the Mississippi River. The study includes a public involvement process with opportunities for stakeholder input and feedback.

Following the hearing, exhibits and the recorded presentation will be available on the project website at [US 34 \(illinois.gov\)](https://us34.illinois.gov). Comments received through Nov. 29 will become part of the public hearing record.

**VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING**  
**U.S. 34 expansion from Gulfport to Biggsville**

5-7 p.m.

Nov. 17

*Click here to register:*

<https://idot.click/US34PublicHearing>

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